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Secretary of State's Office to Conduct Random Alphabet Drawing for Assembly District 53 Special Election

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Pursuant to Elections Code Sections 13111 and 13112, the drawing to determine the order in which candidates' names will appear on the September 13 special primary, and November 8, 2005 run-off ballots for the Assembly District 53 Special Election will be conducted at the Secretary of State's Office at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in the second floor boardroom. The office is located at 1500 11th Street in Sacramento.

The randomized drawing will determine the order used for placing candidates' names on the September 13 Assembly District 53 Special Election ballot. The special vacancy election is needed to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the late Assemblyman Mike Gordon. Candidates, members of the media and the public are invited to attend. By law, all interested parties must be notified of the drawing 10 days before it is scheduled to occur.

If no candidate receives 50% plus one of the votes, the top vote-getters from each party that participates in the primary will appear on the November 8 special run-off ballot. The same randomized alphabet is used for the special primary and the special general election.

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